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SUBJ: CONVENTION FOR CONSERVATION OF
ANTARCTIC SEALS

REF: STATE 051570

1. EMBASSY QUERIES ON STATUS AUSTRALIAN RATIFICATION
OF SUBJECT CONVENTION (REFTEL) HAVE STIRRED UP MINOR
FLURRY OF ACTIVITY AMONG AUSTRALIAN OFFICIALS,
WHO WERE EQUALLY IGNORANT OF STATUS. IT APPEARS
ALL HAD FORGOTTEN ABOUT CONVENTION SINCE GOA SIGNED IT OCTOBER
5, 1972. NECESSARY LEGISLATION TO AMEND FISHERIES LAWS HAS NOT
BEEN DRAFTED OR SUBMITTED TO PARLIAMENT,
WHICH ALREADY FACES HEAVY WORK LOAD. THUS
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PROSPECTS FOR EARLY PASSAGE LEGISLATION TO

FACILITATE RATIFICATION NOT BRIGHT. HOWEVER, OFFICIALS
STATE GOA STILL "INTENDS" TO RATIFY AND ATTRIBUTE
DELAY SOLELY TO OVERSIGHT NOT TO
ANY OPPOSITION TO RATIFICATION.

2. EMBASSY COMMENT: EMBASSY QUERIES OBVIOUSLY HAVE
HELPED REVIVE OFFICIAL INTEREST IN THIS LOW PRIORITY
ISSUE. WE WILL FOLLOW UP AT LATER DATE BUT DO NOT EXPECT
RATIFICATION BEFORE END OF 1974, IF THEN.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE STATUS US
RATIFICATION AND ANY THIRD COUNTRIES RATIFYING
OTHER THAN NORWAY AND SOUTH AFRICA.
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